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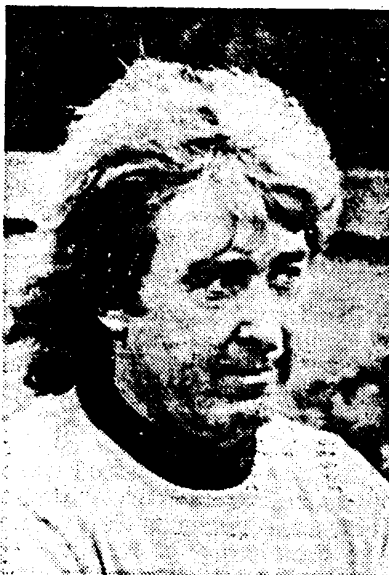
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# Rewald says little about unsealed CIA suit

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Ronald Rewald last night declined to elaborate on his own court claims that he was a covert agent for the Central Intelligence Agency, claims that were unsealed by federal District Judge Martin Pence yesterday. Television stations KHON-TV

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and KGMB-TV last night reported that portions of a \$671 million suit recently filed by Rewald against the CIA and unsealed by Pence yesterday alleged that the CIA partially financed Rewald's now-bankrupt investment firm.

Rewald, facing state felony theft charges and continuing investigations by a variety of federal law enforcement agencies, told The Advertiser last night that the suit contained little information that had not already been made public.

"When we put it together we used only things that were made public," Rewald said last night.

His own attorneys sealed most of the suit's contents because of a previous order by Pence directing that information about the intelligence agency be reviewed by the court before being publicly exposed.

But Rewald said he and his attorneys "expected this (the suit) to be a public document."

Bankruptcy court trustee

Thomas Hayes, who took over Rewald's firm — Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham and Wong — last year, has repeatedly said he has found evidence of only a slight CIA involvement in the firm.

And Hayes has said he has found no indication that CIA funds were included in the more than \$12 million invested with the firm by hundreds of Hawaii and Mainland investors.

Rewald is currently free on bail.

Since his release from jail last week, Rewald said, he has received a job offer, but he declined to say more about the kind of work involved in the offer.

He said he won't decide about taking the job until a planned visit to his family on the Mainland and a visit with Mainland attorneys are completed.

Rewald said he does need to start earning some money because his wife and children are financially strapped and need his help.